



Rayner Stephens  
HIGH SCHOOL

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Excellence and Ambition for all.

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PARK TRUST**

# Welcome

Rayner Stephens is a warm and caring community for all students. We celebrate our students' achievements and believe strongly in providing an environment where all our young people are able to thrive.

We are an inclusive 11 – 16 school, part of the family of schools that make up the Stamford Park Trust. Our values based, standards driven approach is underpinned by our core belief of 'Excellence and Ambition for all', which is promoted through our core values of Respect, Resilience and Aspiration.

We nurture and inspire our students, ensuring we develop curious minds and individual talents. Throughout school life we aim to create opportunities, broaden horizons and introduce challenges to support your child's development. Our staff are committed to ensure that students achieve their full potential regardless of their starting points.

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and conduct at Rayner Stephens and this ensures we have both a productive and purposeful learning environment.

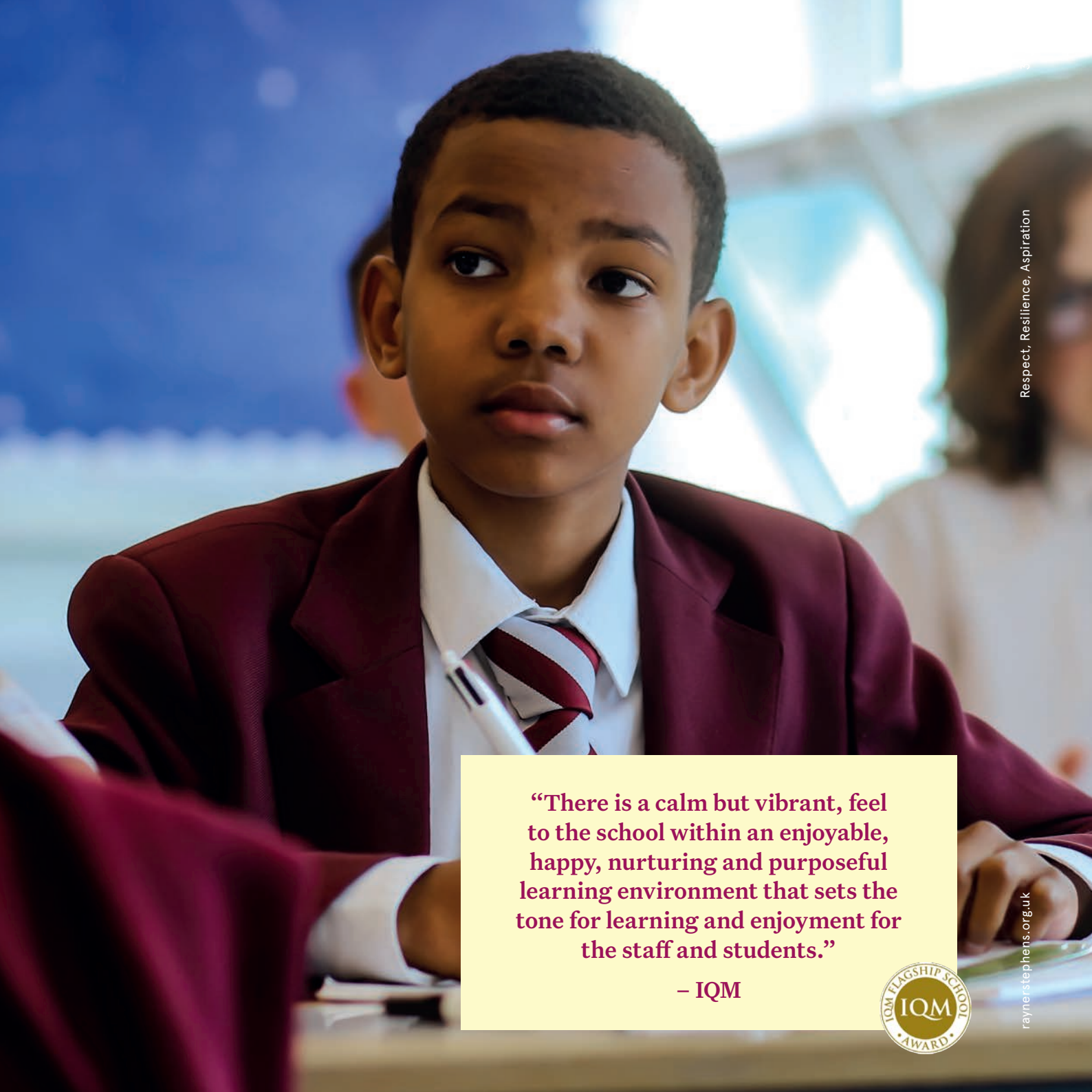
We recognise that students have different interests, dreams, abilities and needs and our school's broad and ambitious curriculum reflects this. Our curriculum extends beyond the school day, with our students having a wide range of enhanced learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

Our whole school community has much to be proud of. We value our students as our greatest asset and encourage student leadership and student voice so they can be fully engaged in all aspects of the school.

By choosing Rayner Stephens High School for your child, you are joining an exciting and forward-thinking community with excellence at its heart.

*Martin Davies, Head of School*





**“There is a calm but vibrant, feel to the school within an enjoyable, happy, nurturing and purposeful learning environment that sets the tone for learning and enjoyment for the staff and students.”**

**– IQM**





“RSHS actively seek to develop the potential of their learners and provide high quality leadership and extra-curricular opportunities to allow them to flourish. It is happy, friendly and inclusive - a school with high expectations of its staff and learners with an emphasis on exemplary standards in all that they do.”

– IQM



# Excellence and Ambition for all

It is an exciting time to join Rayner Stephens High School. Progress is happening across the whole school with a clear focus on positive praise and recognition, excellent behaviour for learning, investment in facilities, engaging teaching and an extensive and exciting enrichment and aspiration offers for students.

Expectations of our students are high from the moment they arrive with us. We take pride in getting to know our students and their families, working in partnership to get the best possible academic results for our children, whilst providing them with a wealth of opportunities to develop their curiosity and character.

We are passionate about academic success and want our students to develop a passion for the subjects they learn. It is also important that our students have the opportunity to develop their talents and interests. We live in an incredibly culturally rich world and want our students to experience this richness. Pursuing interests and hobbies with other like-minded students and expressing their individuality is what gives our students the confidence to stride out into the world and make a difference.

Belonging to a Trust of schools affords our students and staff with a greater advantage, through shared expertise and collaboration, we are able to develop exciting Aspiration and Enrichment programmes, working in partnership with Ashton Sixth Form College. By working together as a group of schools, the students and staff across Stamford Park Trust have increased opportunities for everyone to develop and thrive.

We are proud of the purposeful and inspiring learning environment in which we have created for our students.

**“The school, works, tirelessly to develop positive attitudes to learning and positive behaviour amongst its learners regardless of background or prior attainment profile.”**

– IQM



**“A big thank you to all the teachers who have guided my child the last 5 years. Great school!”**

– Parent, Year 11 student

# Our Vision, Mission and Values

## Our Vision

Excellence and Ambition for all.

## Our Mission

We are an aspirational and inclusive community which inspires and empowers everyone. We encourage a curiosity for learning which develops character and maximises academic opportunity.

## Our Values



## RESPECT

Be polite  
and considerate

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Listen to others  
without interruption

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Respond promptly  
and positively

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Have pride in our  
environment  
and our community

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# RESILIENCE

**Have a positive attitude**

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**Work hard, never give up**

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**Learn from mistakes**

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**Embrace challenges**

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# ASPIRATION

**Aim high**

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**Believe in ourselves**

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**Accept only our best**

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**Celebrate success**

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# Inclusive and Student Centred

Rayner Stephens is a vibrant, caring and inclusive school. There is a strong ethos of mutual respect and community spirit where everyone feels safe, included and well supported in a caring and happy environment.

Our dedicated inclusion team work with individuals, groups and families to remove any barriers to learning, ensuring our students thrive at school.

A strong partnership with our parents and families underpins our inclusive approach to education.

The Hive is our centre dedicated to supporting the academic and emotional wellbeing of all our students.

Inclusion is at the heart of everything that happens at Rayner Stephens enabling our students to have a strong sense of identity and belonging.

We have an extremely successful Transition Induction programme that immerses our new students in the new and exciting life at Rayner Stephens High School, from the moment they are offered a place to join our family.



**“There are excellent systems  
in place to support students  
and their families”**

**– IQM**







“A school that provides a safe and engaging environment for learners and staff. Inclusion is an integral part of school life.”

– IQM





“Driven by their desire to offer the best possible education for all their students in partnership with parents and the local community. The school is naturally, highly inclusive, outward facing and promotes equality of opportunity exceptionally well so that no-one is ever left out.”

– IQM



# Opportunity and Enrichment

Rayner Stephens students are offered an extensive range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities and have access to the best sport and leisure facilities in the borough.

Students benefit from a very successful sports programme which includes football, rugby, handball, basketball, tennis, badminton, table tennis, rounders, softball, athletics and cricket amongst others. They have access to outstanding on-site sporting facilities both at Astley Sports Village and at Ashton Sixth Form College and extensive partnerships with local sporting organisations.

As well as our broad extra-curricular offer, we provide lots of opportunities for our students to develop leadership skills, as well as participating in a range of curriculum linked and competitive activities across Stamford Park Trust.

We also offer a diverse range of clubs that are for fun and enjoyment including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and silver to learning British sign language.

Throughout Years 7 to 11, there are regular opportunities provided to support our students in planning for and managing their own futures; these include visiting speakers, college and careers advice workshops and personalised, one-to-one careers advice interviews. Students also benefit from an organised work placement in Year 10.

In partnership with

**ASTLEY SPORTS VILLAGE**  
HEALTH . FITNESS . SPORT



# Our Alumni

We are proud of our students at Rayner Stephens High School and proud to be a part of their educational and life long journey. Some of our previous students and the paths they have taken are below;



**Melissa Greenough**

Class of 2018  
Studied Geography at the  
University of Oxford



**Bradley Minshall**

Class of 2018  
Business Admin apprenticeship  
with Network Rail



**Wafia Sadik**

Class of 2019  
Studied Medicine at  
The University of Manchester



“Rayner has provided me with lots of opportunities to develop my skills and talents. I am now more confident in myself due to their encouragement.”

– Year 9 student

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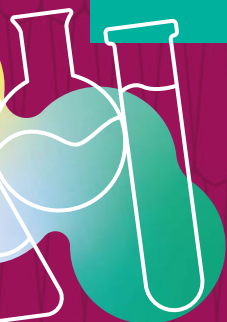
“RSHS is a vibrant, motivating school where the warmth of the staff and students is obvious as one is welcomed through the door.”

– IQM



“The transition programme has exceeded my expectations and has allowed my daughter to settle in quickly, make new friends and by happy at school.”

– Parent, Year 7 student



# Stamford Park Trust

**Rayner Stephens High School joined Stamford Park Trust, a multi-academy Trust in partnership with Ashton Sixth Form College with a shared ambition to enhance the educational opportunities for all students across Tameside.**

The school benefits from a strong collaboration and partnership that supports our developments and innovations across a wide range of areas from curriculum design and classroom teaching to leadership development and facility sharing.

Our staff work together across the different phases of education to ensure our students are prepared for the important transition at 16, working closely with careers, liaison and admission professionals to guide students and help them make the right choices for them and their future careers.

There is real strength in our collaboration; we have already seen significant benefits across many aspects of school since we came together as one Trust.

There are real benefits to students and families choosing to be part of Stamford Park Trust. Firstly, your child will be joining a forward-thinking, progressive organisation which hold the students at the centre of all that it does.

We have a relentless focus on the quality of education and understand the importance of students feeling happy and inspired as part of a vibrant school community which acknowledges and celebrates the talents and achievements of all.

Working closely with staff at Ashton Sixth Form College, we encourage all students to participate in our flagship 'Realising Aspirations Programme', designed to help students develop both academically and personally, and prepare for a bright future ahead, whether at university, in higher level apprenticeships or in the world of work. All students, from year 7 to year 11, have the opportunity to work with the college, local universities and prestigious employers to help them become the very best version of themselves; This programme and its opportunities are unique members of the Stamford Park Trust family. By joining Rayner Stephens, your child will become part of this family and have access to these ambitious programmes.

Students also benefit from the use of our fantastic facilities across the whole Trust, including state of the art academic facilities at Ashton Sixth Form College and sports facilities of unrivaled quality at Astley Sports Village. In the last year, the Trust has invested significantly in high quality teaching and learning facilities from science labs and libraries to computer science suites and food technology rooms.



The investment continues at Rayner Stephens, with building about to begin on a new performing arts annex which will house an industry standard drama studio, music teaching rooms and modern, airy art studios.

We are already seeing the benefits of our collaboration since we came together as Stamford Park Trust. This year, GCSE and equivalent qualifications results were the best in the school's history. The investment in our staff, our facilities and a clear focus on our vision of 'Excellence and Ambition for all', are already having a significant and positive impact on the lives of our students.

By choosing Rayner Stephens High School, your child will be part of our wider family, with ambition, success and care the focus of our offer.

*Anton McGrath, CEO Stamford Park Trust*

*Melanie Wicks, Executive Principal*





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